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JBS United's John B. Swisher Receives AgriVision Award

SHERIDAN, Ind., August 20, 2009 – JBS United, Inc. Founder, CEO, and Chairman, John B. Swisher, was awarded the 2009 AgriVision award from Lt. Governor Becky Skillman on Wednesday, August 19, 2009. The AgriVision award is presented annually on behalf of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture to a current Indiana resident who has demonstrated exemplary leadership to maximize Indiana's agricultural potential and to secure our future as a world leader in agricultural production. This honor is reserved for an individual who has reshaped Indiana's agriculture through innovative or technological advances or through new business methods in all sectors of agriculture – from bioenergy to transportation to trade.. This year's award was presented in the Pioneer Village Opry House at the Indiana State Fairgrounds during the 2009 Indiana State Fair.



At the young age of 26, John B. Swisher founded United Feeds with only \$25,000 in borrowed capital and a new idea - to sell swine feed directly to producers using an educated sales staff. Today, his small swine feed company, now JBS United, Inc., has grown into an innovative animal nutrition technology company with a wide range of proprietary products and a global reach. His vision was to focus on the customer and improve their business by supplying valuable information and quality products, and he succeeded in achieving that goal.



The company's commitment to providing customers with advanced, high-quality products led JBS United to become one of the largest swine research organizations in the world. The company continues to build on this reputation today by continually and aggressively pursuing new technologies and seeking partnerships to develop the next generation of innovative animal nutrition products. JBS United, Inc. is now a prosperous company with approximately 400 employees, nine feed mills, eight grain terminals and four research farms throughout the United States and worldwide. Its areas of expertise lie in research-based animal nutrition products, livestock production, grain merchandising and environmental consulting services.

Swisher's other achievements include being named the Ernst & Young National Entrepreneur of the Year (2004), and the Ernst & Young Indiana Master Entrepreneur (2004), as well as being inducted into the Central Indiana Business Hall of Fame (2007). In 2009, he was honored as the first recipient of the John B. Swisher Annual Leadership Award for exemplifying extraordinary leadership qualities making an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the swine industry. He has served on the Boards of Directors of the Indiana Pork Producers Association and the 4H Foundation, and he has contributed to many local communities and organizations through both his time and his monetary donations. Those organizations include various local universities and schools, Junior Achievement, the Indiana FFA, First Responders, the Lion's Club, the American Cancer Society, the Indiana State Fair, the American Legion and many more.

About JBS United

Since its founding in 1956, JBS United, Inc. has been dedicated to providing research-based solutions to enhance animal nutrition and livestock production profitability. The company provides products to swine, poultry, and dairy producers worldwide. For more information, visit the JBS United web site at www.JBSunited.com.